

I read that a bill has been proposed which will divert state tax revenue to help pay for the new Hartford baseball stadium, the future home of Hartford Yard Goats minor-league team.

Connecticut residents were promised that no state taxpayer dollars would be spent on this project, so why has a bill been proposed to do just that?

I am strongly opposed to this action.

State tax revenue is badly needed to fund existing state programs. There is already an enormous projected deficit precisely because Gov. Malloy and lawmakers have continued to allocate funds for existing expenses and new projects based on speculation that the state will take in enough income to pay for them. Taxes have already been greatly increased to presumably wipe out the deficit. Yet the deficit is still there.

We can't pay for needed projects and expenses, but still, lawmakers want to create yet another tax to pay for yet another project that is *not* a state project but is a City of Hartford / private enterprise dream.

No. No state revenue should be used for this endeavor. State dollars need to be preserved for the things a State government is supposed to pay for, like building and maintaining vital infrastructures, maintaining order and protecting its citizens.

Sincerely,  
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